

**November 12, 2003**

**MCA-MDT Technical Committee Meeting**

The meeting began at 8:00 a.m.

Leo Zwemke filled in for Bob Kober by opening the meeting to new MDT business. After the new business from MDT, both sides went through the remaining agenda items. MCA was then given the opportunity to offer their new business.

**MDT NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Plan Holder's List.** MDT offered MCA a chance to give feedback on the plan holder's list. MCA felt that it's important for both Prime and Subcontractors and thinks it's a good idea to have. MCA would like to see this updated constantly. This will be kept as an agenda item for next month's meeting to allow more progress to be made.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Final Inspection and Acceptance.** MCA informed MDT that there have been some instances where the contractors had to go back for minor clean up on jobs that have been completed. These requests were mainly coming from maintenance. MCA suggested that maintenance should either be involved earlier in the process or not involved at all. MDT will still welcome any comments from MCA.
2. **Claims Specification.** MDT stated that some revisions have been made and another distribution will be out before the next meeting to allow MCA a chance to offer some comments.
3. **Electronic Bidding.** MDT is still working on the questionnaire. MDT has some legal concerns with some of the questions and will have Legal review them before the questionnaire is submitted to Info Tech. MDT informed MCA that they will have that done soon and then will move forward. There may be specification changes required in conjunction with this.
4. **Erosion Control.** MDT stated that the plans are available on the website. MCA is having some concerns with the bid prices being offset when the quantities are too high. MDT suggested that a possible solution would be to put this concern on the Q&A to get a heightened awareness of this problem. This item will remain on the agenda as further progress is made.
5. **Grade 5A and 6A Gravel.** MDT is currently working with FHWA on some issues to help move this along towards implementation. MCA feels that there is more risk in gravel than there is with plant mix the way MDT has the incentive/disincentive specification right now. MDT will implement this very soon once these issues are resolved.
6. **Adjustments.** MDT suggested that both sides wait on this issue until the new supervisor for the Contractor Estimate Section is hired for MDT. This issue will be dropped until then.
7. **Handicapped Ramps on Sidewalks.** MDT will find out what Pre-construction is currently doing with handicapped ramps on sidewalks. MDT suggested to MCA that this item be left off the agenda until winter is over and then try to resolve this.
8. **Video Conferencing.** MDT informed MCA this is available now from any district office. If a contractor wishes to use the video conferencing system, they need to let the DCE know in order to properly schedule time to use the system. This item will be dropped from the agenda.

**MCA NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Waterborne Paint.** MCA informed MDT about the problems they have been experiencing with the waterborne paint used for striping. The main problem is that the spec book calls for waterborne paint to be applied within a certain temperature range. The contractors are running into problems when a paving job is completed late in the year and can't apply waterborne paint due to the temperature restrictions. Since a paved roadway can't be left

unstriped, MCA suggested the use of a low VOC paint that can be applied in colder temperatures. MDT will look into this and have a new supplemental specification put together soon.

2. **Traffic Control Payment Increase.** Due to the Davis Bacon increase, MCA stated that traffic control payments would also increase due to increased labor expenses. MCA suggested that MDT look into an increase in the bid price or the rate schedule for traffic control payment items. MDT will look into this concern and offer comments at the next meeting.
3. **VFA Adjustment on the Volumetric Specification.** MCA felt that the penalties are very harsh on the VFA. MDT will have an open forum at the start of the year. MDT will look into MCA's concerns and discuss internally.

**General Discussion.** MDT wanted to inform MCA about the reorganization that is currently taking place within Construction. MDT will provide MCA with an organizational chart once it's completed.

The next meeting will be **December 17, 2003**, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the **MCA Office**.

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